

National Invitational Tournament. This impressive accomplishment capped off an extremely successful season in which the Jacks finished with a record of 25-6.

The SDSU women's basketball team has a long tradition of postseason success. During the 1970s and early 1980s, the Jacks qualified for 10 AIAW regional tournaments. As NCAA Division II competitors, they made nine postseason appearances and won the national title in 2003. Additionally, the Jackrabbits reached the Elite Eight in each of their last three seasons as a Division II team.

In 2004, SDSU transitioned its athletic program to compete in NCAA Division I, becoming the first school in South Dakota to do so. Since this transition, the Jackrabbits women's basketball team has successfully risen to meet the challenge that comes with this new level of competition. By defeating well-known teams with much bigger budgets, this year's team once again proved that SDSU can compete with the top programs in the Nation.

The Jackrabbits were led by Aaron Johnston, who has served as head coach of the SDSU women's basketball team for the past seven seasons. Coach Johnston was responsible for taking the Jacks to the top of NCAA Division II and has shown his strong leadership skills in successfully transitioning the team to Division I. He was the 2006 South Dakota Sportswriters Women's College Basketball Coach of the Year and has been named the Division I Independent Coach of the Year for the past two seasons. Johnston was supported by Assistant Coaches Laurie Melum, Jina Johansen, and Matt Stamerjohn.

Of course, this historic season would be impossible without the players themselves. The athletes of the 2006-2007 South Dakota State University women's basketball team, in alphabetical order, are as follows: Alison Anderson, Maria Boever, Ketty Cornemann, Courtney Grimsrud, Nicole Helsper, Abby Kratovil, Morgan Meier, Ashlea Muckenhirn, Laura Nielsen, Stacie Oistad, Andrea Verdegan, Megan Vogel, and Jennifer Warkenthen.

While all of these women should be commended for their efforts, I would like to especially recognize the team's only senior, Megan Vogel. A 4-year starter, Vogel ended her career as the second leading scorer in SDSU school history with 1,850 career points. During this past season, she led the Jacks in scoring with 17.5 points per game and was chosen as a first-team all-Division I Independent selection for the second time. After participating in the WNBA Pre-Draft Camp, Vogel was chosen as a second round draft pick by the Washington Mystics. Selected as the 19th overall pick, Vogel became the first Jackrabbit and first player from a South Dakota college to be taken in the WNBA draft.

These are just a few of the many firsts that the Jacks accomplished this

season. These student-athletes should be very proud of all of their remarkable achievements. On behalf of the State of South Dakota, I am pleased to say congratulations Jackrabbits on this impressive accomplishment and keep up the great work.●

ROBERT WINGET: IN MEMORIAM

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of a respected law enforcement officer, Officer Robert Winget of the Ripon Police Department.

For the past 3 years, Officer Winget worked tirelessly to provide the residents of Ripon with safety and service. On the morning of April 10, 2007, Officer Winget's life was tragically cut short in the line of duty as a result of a vehicle accident while patrolling the heavily wooded banks of the Stanislaus River.

Officer Winget began his law enforcement career at the Los Angeles Police Department in the early 1970s. In a career that would span 37 years, Officer Winget also worked for the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department before lending his considerable talents to the Ripon Police Department. Throughout his career, Officer Winget demonstrated a passion for law enforcement and commitment to helping others, qualities that enabled him to become a beloved member of the Ripon Police Department. Officer Wignet's colleagues and the people whom he protected shall always remember him for his devotion to serving the community.

Officer Winget is survived by his wife and four children. Officer Winget served the people of Ripon with honor and dignity and fulfilled his oath as a peace officer. His contributions to law enforcement and the many lives he touched will serve as a shining example of his legacy.

We shall always be grateful for Officer Wignet's service and the dedication that he displayed while serving the people of Ripon.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1361. An act to improve the disaster relief programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1132. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide waivers relating to grants for preventive health measures with respect to breast and cervical cancers.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. CASEY).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1571. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the assessment of the cattle and hog industries; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1572. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Department's intent to close the Defense commissary stores at Bad Nauheim, Germany, on or about June 30, 2007, and at Giessen, Germany, on or about September 1, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1573. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the determination that the Joint Cargo Aircraft is subject to realistic survivability testing; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1574. A communication from the Senior Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Home Loan Bank Appointive Directors" (RIN3069-AB33) received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1575. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "HOME Investment Partnerships Program; American Dream Downpayment Initiative and Amendments to Homeownership Affordability" ((RIN2501-AC93)(FR-4832-F-02)) received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1576. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Condominiums in Puerto Rico on Evidence of Presentment of Legal Documents" ((RIN2502-AI36)(FR-5009-F-02)) received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1577. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Processor Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (ID No. 031507D) received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1578. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 032607F) received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1579. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska" (ID No. 031507D) received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1580. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Continuation of the Current Prohibition on the Harvest of Certain Shellfish from Areas Contaminated by the Toxin that Causes Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning" (RIN0648-AT48) received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1581. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Test Procedures and Labeling Standards for Recycled Oil" (RIN3084-AB06) received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1582. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the Clean Coal Power Initiative; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1583. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Extension of Attorney Fee Payment System to Title XVI; 5-Year Demonstration Project Extending Fee Withholding and Payment Procedures to Eligible Non-Attorney Representatives; Definition of Past-due Benefits; and Assessment for Fee Payment Services" (RIN0960-AG35) received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1584. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Finalizing Medicare Regulations under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 for Calendar Year 2006"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1585. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report providing descriptions of all programs or projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency in each country described in Section 307(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1586. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, United States Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Multilateral Development bank loans likely to have substantial adverse impacts on environment, natural resources, public health, and indigenous peoples; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1587. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Letter Report: Sufficiency Review of the Water and Sewer Authority's Fiscal Year 2007 Revenue Estimate in Support of \$50,000,000 in Commercial Paper Notes"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1588. A communication from the Rules Administrator, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suicide Prevention Program Final Rule" (RIN1120-AB06)(72 FR 12085) received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1589. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding the federal courts' compliance with the requirements of the E-Government Act of 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1590. A communication from the Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Petitioning Requirements for the O and P Nonimmigrant Classifications" (RIN1615-AB17) received on April 17, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1591. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bureau's Annual Report for fiscal year 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1592. A communication from the Director, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Correspondence with the Madrid Processing Unit of the United States Patent and Trademark Office" (RIN0651-AC11) received on April 16, 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1157. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to eliminate the consumptive demand exception relating to the importation of goods made with forced labor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1158. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to increase the use of renewable and alternative fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HAGEL (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1159. A bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BURR, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1160. A bill to ensure an abundant and affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops for American consumers and international markets by enhancing the competitiveness of United States-grown specialty crops; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1161. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the expansion of medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 1162. A bill to amend the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act with respect to the labeling of cigarette packages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. WEBB):

S. 1163. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve compensation and specially adapted housing for veterans in certain cases of impairment of vision involving both eyes, and to provide for the use of the National Directory of New Hires for income verification purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 1164. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN:

S. 1165. A bill to require Federal buildings to be designed, constructed, and certified to meet, at a minimum, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design green building rating standard identified as silver by the United States Green Building Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1166. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain zone compensation of civilian employees of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1167. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to provide funding for student loan repayment for civil legal assistance attorneys; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ALEXANDER:

S. 1168. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a regulatory program for sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, mercury, and carbon dioxide emissions from the electric generating sector; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1169. A bill to ensure the provision of high quality health care coverage for uninsured individuals through State health care coverage pilot projects that expand coverage and access and improve quality and efficiency in the health care system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REED, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BAYH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1170. A bill to designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Basin and Range Deserts in the State of Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of people in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1171. A bill to amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act and Public Law 87-483 to authorize the construction and rehabilitation of water infrastructure in Northwestern New Mexico, to authorize the use of the reclamation fund to fund the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund, to authorize the conveyance of certain Reclamation land and infrastructure, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to provide for the delivery of water, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REED, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr.